Message from Chief J.R. Lavinder





Welcome to our annual report for the year 2006. 2006 was a busy year; moving the Public Safety Center was foremost on everyone's minds. The Communication Center was the first division to move to the new Public Safety Center and the Police Department completed the move of all our facilities in January of 2007.

The Department achieved reaccreditation in November of 2006, the culmination of three years of record keeping and working very hard to meet all the necessary standards. This was our agency's fourth reaccreditation, proving to the citizens our devotion to professionalism.

We are in the process of moving forward with plans to be able to train and recertify our own officers, as well as helping the County Sheriff's Department with some of that department's training mandates.

I hope that you will take time to look at all the information that this report provides, and compare our achievements with those of other agencies. I'm sure that you will be as proud of each member of this Department as I am.

Roanoke County Police Department Mission Statement

The Roanoke County Police Department recognizes the value of its employees in delivering quality police services to the citizens of Roanoke County. It recognizes that our officers' experiences, intellect, education and training are great assets to both the Department and to each citizen of Roanoke County.

The Department's Mission is to create a safe environment wherein the citizens of Roanoke County feel safe in their homes and on their streets. The protection of Constitutional rights and the highest level of confidence in the Department will be attained through a county-wide coalition of our citizens and Department members. This coalition will also confirm that existing services are evaluated in a proper manner.

The Roanoke County Police Department commits itself to providing excellent traditional enforcement services, while developing and initiating new and innovative approaches to police services.